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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WALTER S. FELDMAN

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, and Keable

Date Introduced: May 24, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of renowned artist and
2 Professor Walter S. Feldman on May 20, 2017 at the age of 92. He had been the loving husband
3 of Barbara Feldman for 67 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Walter Feldman was born in 1925, the son of the late Hyman and Fannie
5 Feldman. After graduating from high school, he attended the Yale School of Fine Arts before he
6 joined the United States Army, where he served our nation with honor and valor for two years.
7 He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry
8 Badge; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Feldman graduated from college after the war and in 1953, he was
10 appointed to the art faculty at Brown University, where he served for more than fifty years,
11 retiring in 2007 with the title of Visual Arts Professor Emeritus; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Feldman was a gifted artist who had his work exhibited in many one-
13 man shows across the globe in prominent places such as New York City, Boston, London,
14 Mexico City and Milan. He received many accolades, awards and critical praise for his body of
15 work, a collection that spanned more than seven decades. His art was greatly influenced by his
16 experiences and the injuries he suffered in World War II, and the courage and conviction with
17 which he lived his life was a constant source of strength and inspiration to his family and many
18 friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Feldman was also a talented and creative book designer and publisher.
20 Since 1985, he designed and published books under the Ziggurat Press imprint he created. His

1 books are in more than 150 public collections, including the Museum of Modern Art and the
2 Albert and Victoria Museum. In his honor, Brown University dedicated the Walter Feldman Book
3 Arts studio at the John Hay Library in 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2014, Mr. Feldman established the Walter Feldman Fellowship for
5 Emerging Artists, a fellowship administered by the Arts and Business Council of Greater Boston
6 that exhibits the work of fellowship recipients in the Walter Feldman Gallery. He was a beloved
7 figure within the artistic and academic communities who will live on forever in the memory of his
8 loved ones and the many people who benefited from his generosity; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Feldman is also survived by his sons Steven and Mark, his daughter-in-
10 law Gloria Barone Rosanio, his granddaughter Kaitlyn Petit, his two great-granddaughters Payton
11 and Avery Petit, and his many nieces and nephews; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Mr. Walter S.
14 Feldman; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Barbara Feldman and Family.

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